FISCAL NOTE

SB 1459 - HB 1167

March 22, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates Class D felony offense of using two or more objects that constitute drug paraphernalia in combination to make amphetamine or methamphetamine and Class C felony if offense occurs on property open for public lodging.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$237,800/Incarceration*

Assumption:

• 15 Class D felony convictions elevated from a Class E felony and 5 Class C felony convictions each year.

*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director